



21st May, 2020

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

Re: Logistics and organisation regarding the return to onsite schooling

Thank you to all members of our community for your continued efforts throughout the closure period. I am well aware of the hard work and dedication that is going into the learning and development of our students; your sons and daughters at the moment. There is no doubt that we are very much looking forward to welcoming back both staff and senior students next week and our junior students in a couple of weeks time.

Years 11 and 12:

Years 11 and 12 VCAL and VCE students will return to school next **Tuesday 26th May**. In the essence of returning to normality, school will commence with a regular Tuesday timetable. An extended morning Homeroom will consist of prayer, a sharing of experience and welcome back. From this date schooling will return to the traditional face to face learning.

Year 10 Fast-track students:

Students in Year 10 who participate in a VCE or VET subject are able to return to school from Tuesday 26th May **on the days of their scheduled fast-track subject**. If they are unable to return home after their timetabled class, they must spend the remainder of the day in the supervised study area to continue their online learning. Please note the supervised study area is not staffed by their regular teachers.

Years 7 to 10:

Years 7 - 10 students will return to school from **Tuesday 9th June**. In the essence of returning to normality, school will commence with a regular Tuesday timetable. An extended morning Homeroom will consist of a shared prayer, a sharing of experience and welcome back. From this date schooling will return to the traditional face to face learning.

At School Supervision:

In accordance with our current procedures, those students who cannot be supervised at home and vulnerable children, the existing model of onsite supervision will remain in place during the two-week period from Tuesday 26th May to Tuesday 9th June. If onsite supervision is required during this two week period you are required to contact the College Office via phone - 5866 2222 by 12:00 pm Friday 22nd May.

Bus Transport:

The College bus system and Government bus system will resume normal operations from Tuesday 26th May, including regular stops at the regular times. Hygiene practices on the College bus system will include the daily cleaning of buses, as well as an expectation that students will use the hand sanitiser provided when entering and exiting the bus.

Uniform:

The College is aware that some families, especially those who are new to the College, may need some time to arrange uniforms. As a result, there will be a grace period until the conclusion of Term 2, for the transition into winter uniform. Students are required to be in either full winter or full summer uniform during the grace period (not a combination of the two). Wearing a mix of summer/winter/sports uniform is not permitted.

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Canteen:

The College canteen will reopen on Tuesday 9th June. Until the canteen opens Senior students will need to bring all of their own food and drinks, including a water bottle. The drinking fountains at the College will be turned off this term, but taps for filling water bottles will remain accessible.

Timetable and Learning Program:

When classes resume onsite for students, the regular College timetable will continue. The number of assessments may be reduced however assessments will still need to be completed as reporting timelines near. End of semester reports will be made available through PAM at the end of term.

Hygiene Practices:

All staff and students are required to undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing or using the toilet. Hand sanitiser has been made available in every learning area, including individual classrooms and buses. Many of the staff have taken the asymptomatic COVID 19 testing as recommended by the Chief Medical Officer.

General Information:

Further to the guidelines, for the remainder of Term Two camps, incursions and excursions will not take place. College assemblies, large gatherings or shared food practices are also not permitted. Inter School sporting events and sporting carnivals are also not permitted.

Once a year level has returned, all students will be expected to attend school as normal. This means if you choose to keep your child/children at home after their year level has returned to onsite learning, we can no longer support their learning from home. This does not apply to children who need to be absent for health or medical reasons. For those families, please contact us so we can make an appropriate plan.

To support the health and wellbeing of all students and staff, our school will continue an enhanced cleaning routine and will encourage frequent handwashing. We have an abundance of hand sanitiser that will be readily accessible across the campus. **If your child is ill or is feeling unwell, they must not attend school. They must remain home and seek medical advice.**

More information about the return to school and coronavirus (COVID-19) can be found on the CECV website, which will continue to be updated: www.cecv.catholic.edu.au/Coronavirus-information-for-parents.

Thank you for your continued support and patience during this time. I look forward to welcoming students back to the classroom.

With Peace and Goodwill,



Matt Carver
Principal

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